

REMARKS

Following entry of the Supplemental Amendment mailed April 4, 2003, claims 22-53 are pending. In the instant amendment, claims 25, 26, and 42-44 have been amended, and new claims 54-58 have been added. After entry of the instant amendment, claims 22-58 will be pending and under consideration.

The instant amendment is fully supported by the specification and claims as originally filed. No new matter has been introduced by the amendment.

Support for the amendments to claims 25, 26, 42 and 43 may found, for example, in the specification at pages 4, lines 8-9, page 5, lines 1-8, page 15, lines 13-15, and claims 7, 8, 15 and 16 as originally filed.

Claim 44 has been amended to correct an obvious typographical error.

Support for new claim 54 may be found, for example, in the specification at page 21, line 18, to page 22, line 9, and in figure 1A.

Support for new claim 55 may be found, for example, in the specification at page 22, line 17, to page 23, line 25, and in figure 1B.

New claim 56 is supported by the specification, for example, page 9, line 14, to page 10, line 21, and in figures 1A and 1B.

Support for new claims 56 and 57 may be found, for example, in the specification at page 9, line 14, to page 10, line 27, and page 13, lines 10-13.

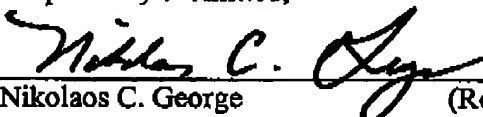
Entry of the instant amendment is kindly requested.

CONCLUSION

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider this application with a view towards allowance. The Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney if a telephone call could help resolve any remaining items.

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